(c) Since India is not the dominant exporter in most items, the Government has little influence on the pricing of most products in the international markets which are determined by market forces. However, Government is making efforts to encourage export of value-added products to realise higher unit value prices. Export of certain products such as value-added agriculture products, marine products, electronics, bulk drugs and formulations and certain categories of advanced engineering goods are entitled to an additional Eximscrips of 10 percentage points, taking the total Eximscrips rate to 40% of f.o.b. value. These measures are expected to show positive results soon.

Textile Mills Under BIC and NTC in Kanpur

*447. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of unviable/closed mills under the British India Corporation and the National Textile Corporation in Kanpur; and

(b) the steps taken by the government to make these mills viable and safeguard the future of the employes of these mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No mill under the British India Corporation Ltd or the National Textile Corporation Ltd in Kanpur is at present closed. Although the mills under British India Corporation Ltd and National Textile Corporation Ltd in Kanpur are incurring losses, closure of these mills is not contemplated in near future.

(b) Government has taken steps to improved the performance of these mills through the process of modernisation and labour rationalisation.

[*English*]

Acquiring land for development Project

4526. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether States are forced to acquire vast areas of lands for irrigation projects and other public works spending huge amount towards compensation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to fix a ceiling on the rates of compensation by suitably amending the Land Acquisition Act, 1984?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). The relevant information is being collected.

Karbi and Mizo population in Neighbouring Countries

4527. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karbi and Mizo Population exist in Bangladesh, Burma, Thailand and China;

(b) if so, their number and area of habitance; and

(c) whether they are well protected by civil, democratic and other rights in those countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). According to available information, only Mizo popula-

tion is present in the area of Burma Bordering India, and not in Bangladesh, China or in Thailand apart from a few individuals. Precise information on the numbers is not available. The Mizos in Myanmar have always been Myanmar nationals and their socio-political welfare is the responsibility of the Government of Myanmar.

Refund of Central excise on Diesel to Fishermen

4528. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a scheme to refund the Central Excise on diesel to the fishermen was sanctioned by the Government during 1990-91;

(b) if so, the amount of refund actually paid upto October 31, 1991 to fishermen in every State;

(c) the share of the Union and the State Governments respectively in the above refund;

(d) whether the Government have received a request from the Government of Maharashtra to continue the scheme after June 30, 1991; and

(e) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per attached Statement

(c) The scheme on "reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on HSD Oil used by fishing vessels below 20 m. length" was implemented during 1990-91 (from 1.10.90 on wards) with 100 percent Central share. The cost is shared by Centre and State on 80:20 basis during 1991-92.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The scheme has since been extended upto 31st March, 1992.

STATEMENT

Sl.No.	*Name of Maritime States/UTs.*	*Amount of refund actually paid upto October 31, 1991.*
		(Rs. in Lakh)
1.	Gujarat	111.00
2.	Maharashtra	50.83
3.	Karnataka	1.68
4.	Goa	1.01
5.	Tamil Nadu	0.27
6.	Kerala	4.62